

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant(s):    | Smith, et al.                          | Docket No.:     | 101.00011     |
| Application No.: | 10/750,374                             | Group Art Unit: | 2836          |
| Filing Date:     | December 31, 2003                      | Examiner:       | Zeev V. Kitov |
| Title:           | Systems and Methods For Immobilization |                 |               |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Applicant Responds to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006 as follows. This case was assigned to Examiner John Holman in Art Group 3643. Examiner Holman prepared and mailed a restriction requirement March 6, 2006. Applicant by telephone urged Examiner Holman to transfer this case from Art Group 3643 to Art Group 2836 due to the subject matter of the claims. Examiner Holman agreed and transferred the case to Examiner Kitov in Art Group 2836. Applicant telephoned Examiner Kitov to determine whether the restriction requirement entered March 6, 2006 would be withdrawn. Examiner Kitov recommended that Applicant file a reply that elects at least one group of the restriction made by Examiner Holman. Examiner Kitov said he would review the basis for the restriction after Applicant's reply and would possibly withdraw the restriction by Examiner Holman. Applicant wishes to thank Examiners Holman and Kitov for the courtesy extended during these telephone calls.

Examiner Holman has identified a restriction requirement that does not include every pending claim. Applicant therefore assumes that dependent claims not mentioned by Examiner Holman are to be included in the group that include the independent claim from which these claims depend. On that assumption, Examiner Holman restricted the pending claims into five groups: Group I (Claims 1-8); Group II (Claims 9 through 12); Group III (Claim 13); Group IV (Claims 14 through 17); and Group V (Claim 18).

Applicant elects examination of Group I (Claims 1-8) without traverse.

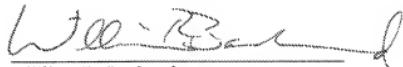
Applicant asks Examiner Kitov to either withdraw the restriction *sua sponte* because his training in electronic circuits provides a better understanding of the subject matter

being claimed or state a proper restriction for the record that includes every pending claim and that establishes a proper basis (if any) for restriction.

An extension of time, believed to be two (2) months is requested.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 503337 any fee required to maintain the pendency of this application, any deficiency in the fee(s) filed herewith, asserted to be filed herewith, which should have been filed herewith, or concerning any paper filed herewith, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment for which purpose a duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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